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1. FOLLOWING ARE MISCELLANEOUS BIO DETAILS ON PETER ONU,
DJOUDI AND CHIMUKA FROM AMBASSADOR WHO KNEW THEM WHILE
STATIONED IN ADDIS:

A. ONU: HOLDS RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN NIGERIAN FOREIGN
SERVICE AND AT LEAST UP UNTIL SIX MONTHS AGO WANTED BADLY TO
RETURN TO HIS FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER. OAU OBSERVERS IN
LIBREVILLE THINK HE MAY QUIETLY RESIGN FROM OAU JOB AFTER
REASONABLE PERIOD IN HIS SECOND TERM. MARITAL STATUS NOW
MAY NOT BE CERTAIN. MRS. ONU NEVER APPEARED IN ADDIS, AND
HE NEVER TALKED ABOUT HER. ONU LIKES TO BE CONSIDERED ONE
OF AFRICA'S SEERS, AND IS ALMOST ALWAYS WILLING TO TALK.
HE HAS INDEED BEEN FORTHRIGHT AND AFFABLE WITH AMERICANS,
BUT HE DOES NOT HESITATE TO CRITICIZE THE USG WHEN IT
SUITS HIS PUPOSE. AMBASSADOR NONETHELESS RATES HIM BASICALLY
PRO-WEST. ONU ENJOYS SOCIAL EVENINGS AND IS ONE AFRICAN
OFFICIAL WHO WILL GENERALLY COME WHEN INVITED AND PLAY ROLE
OF HOST HIMSELF.

B. DJOUDI--RIGHT ON. HE IS NOT TO BE FULLY TRUSTED.

C. CHIMUKA--WAS MIDDLE GRADE OFFICIAL IN ZAMBIAN
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FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1972 IN HCARGE OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, AND KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR THERE AS
WELL AS IN ADDIS. AMBASSADOR FOUND HIM TO BE FAIRLY
ACCESSIBLE AND FRIENDLY IN BOTH PLACES, BUT NOT PARTICULARLY
FORTHCOMING WITH INFORMATION, PERHAPS A RESULT OF HIS
SUBORDINATE ROLE IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS SLIGHT
SARDONIC STREAK AND DELIGHTED IN TOSSING OUT BARBS RE

AMERICAN PLY IN AFRICA. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT RATE HIM AS BEING OF SAME STATURE AS OTHER ASST. SEGENS, NEW OR OLD, SINCE HE GIVES IMPRESSION OF BEING MORE BUREAUCRATIC THAT THE OTHERS, BUT HE MAY GROW INTO JOB, AND IN ANY CASE IS WORTH CONTINUED CULTIVATION. HE IS MARRIED TO PLEASANT ZAMBIAN. TIENKEN

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